The call to be hospitable is central for us at CALL. We are a diverse group with many different interests and gifts, including for many of us the gracious gift of hospitality.

Listen to the words of the late Henri Nouwen, a priest and author who wrote sensitively about this issue in his chapter “Creating Space for Strangers” from his book Reaching Out: The Three Movements of the Spiritual Life:

“In our world full of strangers, estranged from their own past, culture and country, from their neighbors, friends and family, from their deepest self and their God, we witness a painful search for a hospitable place where life can be lived without fear and where community can be found. Our society seems to be increasingly full of fearful, defensive, aggressive people anxiously clinging to their property and inclined to look at their surrounding world with suspicion.

If there is any concept worth restoring to its original depth and evocative potential it is the concept of hospitality. It is one of the richest biblical terms that can deepen and broaden our insight in our relationships to our fellow human beings.”

In the New Testament book of Hebrews, the writer -- probably Paul -- counsels believers with this reminder: “Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.”

The concept of hospitality is so essential for CALL that we have approved a redefined task for our Hospitality Committee, so capably chaired by John Nielsen. The revised mandate empowers the committee to “ensure appropriate hospitality services at CALL events and sessions, (and) will oversee and encourage the entire CALL program to be welcoming, and will maintain a special emphasis on being welcoming to new members.”

Any CALL member who spends any time at CALL events, classes and activities understands very well that our membership spans many cultures and diversity of experiences and thought. We welcome into our membership between 150 and 200 new members each year, and although anyone 50 years old and above is eligible, our primary age group is between 65 and 80. Our membership includes many single females, and -- interestingly -- only half of our members had prior knowledge of Calvin College before joining CALL.

Just as Calvin College is becoming a far more diverse and inclusive campus, CALL is also on that exciting path. Let’s continue to celebrate with a welcoming spirit everyone’s contributions to CALL. It’s another way of living our values and enriching our common experiences. And, who knows, we might be entertaining angels in our midst.

Corrine Kass, CALL President
Thursday, February 12, 2015, 7:00 PM

**China Rising**

w/ Dale Johnson

Dale Johnsons visits a country with a rising middle class and surging economy. See the Forbidden City, Tiananmen Square, The Great Wall, and Terra Cotta soldiers. Visit the Yarlung Tsangpo Canyon, ultra-modern cities, and huge private farming operations.

Order online at www.calvin.edu/boxoffice or call 526-6282. Ticket price is $6 each.

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**Free Lectures at Noon in the Calvin Chapel**

Feb. 12 - **Conflict as Opportunity**

with Michael Gulker of Colossian Forum

Can we as Christians welcome the multitude of divisive issues we face as Christ-given opportunities to deepen faith, expand knowledge and build community?

Feb. 26 - **Oppression in the Promised Land**

with David Crump of Calvin's Religion Department

The Palestinian people of the West Bank have lived under an oppressive, often times brutal, Israeli occupation since 1967. Learn about the everyday hardships experienced by the average Palestinian of the West Bank trying to make their way in a life with little hope.
Save the Date: CALL Annual Meeting and Luncheon
May 13, 2015, 11:30 am

Inclement Weather Policy

With the blustery days of winter, The CALL office would like to provide some guidance to questions that arise during poor weather days. Calvin College has a long history of remaining open during inclement weather even when other institutions are closed. CALL classes will continue as scheduled unless the campus is closed. Please be prudent when deciding to travel to campus if conditions are hazardous. Check the news stations or Calvin’s website main page for closure information- www.calvin.edu.

Bach Cantatas

Monday March 16, 8:00 pm Calvin Chapel

Presented by
The Grand Rapids Chapter of
The American Guild of Organists

Conductor:  John Varineau

Soloists: Larry Visser,
Karl Schrock,
Norma de Waal Malefyt,
Stephanie Pestana

This concert provides a unique opportunity to discover the music that Bach wrote for solo organ and orchestra. Tucked away in his seldom-heard church cantatas, these introductory sinfonias are some of Bach’s most glorious music. Four highly-skilled West Michigan organists will perform four “concertos” made up of ten sinfonias. The orchestra is drawn from the Grand Rapids Symphony.

Plan to celebrate the week of Bach’s birthday by attending this “planets-aligned” one-hour event, open to the public and free of charge.
**Freedom Tour of South Africa:**

John Apol, Sept. 9-21, 2015- Signups Open

Focusing on the life and works of Nelson Mandela, learn about the political changes that occurred within South Africa, with the end of apartheid. This tour will take us to Johannesburg and Cape Town, on game drives in Addo Elephant National Park, along the Garden Route (a road famous for its beauty and biodiversity), and through a country with constantly changing landscapes, many races, cultures and languages. Sign-ups begin in November.

Your host will be John Apol, a CALL member, a Calvin alumnus and frequent traveler to South Africa. He has led four student interim tours and the 2012 CALL and CCAA South Africa tour. For more information about the tour, contact John at johnapol07@gmail.com or 616-243-8600.

**Peru: Ancient and Modern Marvels**

Neal and Marilyn Bierling- Sept 15-25, 2015

Beginning in the capital of Lima, guests will enjoy a host of venues that capture the rich history and enthralling beauty of Peru. Included stops include Colca Canyon, twice as deep as the Grand Canyon, Machu Picchu, Cross of the Condor, Ballistas Islands, and Lake Titicaca, islands made entirely of floating reeds. Contact the Alumni Office to receive additional information as it becomes available.

Brochures for all travel opportunities are available on the CALL and Calvin College Alumni websites- www.calvin.edu/alumni/travel/
MAJESTIC MUSIC OF EASTER

Thursday, April 2
Shipshewana - 8:00 am

Join CALL members and friends and travel to Shipshewana to celebrate the Resurrection of Christ through the Majestic Music of Easter featuring one of America’s family vocal groups, The Wonder and beauty of the Easter season will be celebrated in grand style with a musical program adapted especially for The Blue Gate Theater in Shipshewana. The Rick Webb Family and Arts Evangelica will fill the stage of the intimate downtown Shipshewana theater with beautiful music, interpretive dance, drama and dramatic monologue.

The Glory and Majesty of Easter has been created just for The Blue Gate audience as an adaptation of the musical He’s Gone. Rick Webb, patriarch of the musical family, says he worked closely with writer Derric Johnson, former creative director for Disney, to stage an “exquisite” event that is appropriate for the whole family. "The musical takes the audience from the manger to the resurrection," Webb stated. "This worshipful event is perfect for the Easter season.

They will be joined on stage by Arts Evangelica, a dramatic dance troupe from North Carolina. The dancers, who will be returning from a tour in Israel just prior to arriving in Shipshewana, will offer interpretive ballet-style dance to bring even more meaning to the music and lyrics presented by The Rick Webb Family.

We will enjoy stops at the Cheese Factory, E&S Sales for bulk food and the small shops with lunch on your own. After lunch we will rejoice in the resurrection of Christ through the beautiful musical Easter presentation. We will finish the afternoon with a full course Amish dinner (including the delicious pie).

Cost - $69.00

Member Events / Interest Group Registration
Two ways to register:
1. Online: www.calvin.edu/CALL > Member Services
2. Complete this form, make checks available to CALL and send to:
   CALL Youngsma Center, 3201 Burton St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI  49546

Event fees are per person

☐ Apr 2 Majestic Music of Easter $69

Name(s): __________________________________________ email: _______________________

Phone: __________ email: _______________________

May we confirm this registration by email? Yes ☐ No ☐

If an event has filled, we will notify you.

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